OLD ENGLAND.

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Optima non ulla cauſa tuente perit. OVID.

To Arghus Sentock you lie *a Squier.*

SIR,

BEIN pointed Segretary for a Sofiety of Ladiſe, I am orderd to quaint you that there is a general meetin of our ſexe to be held at the requeſte of thoſe amung us of ſmal fortins about thiſs town on *Wenſday* neeſt at &c.—upon the Redukſhion of Intreſt on the nuities from fower to three par Sent, wherof it gives grete diſpleſhure to the ſexe Youer company is defierd to here the debats as wee find by youer papur that you be ower frind againſt the Jewes and the laers of aul ſortes.

Youer humbel ſarvant,
BETTY GRIGG.

SEVERAL Doubts occurr'd to me on reading this odd undated Letter, as I was apprehenſive of a Plot ſet up againſt me by ſome young Gypſy, who had a Mind to divert herſelf with my old Age. But, upon further Intelligence received, and a little Conſideration on the Stile and Orthography of *modern Secretaries*, I became ſatisfy'd the Letter was genuine, and ſo repaired to the appointed Rendezvous of the Fair, whom in my Approach I heard in a very loud Clutter at the Diſtance of about 3 or 400 Yards, like a Parcel of Boys conning over their Leſſons in a Country-School. The Secretary met me at the Door, and conducted me into a convenient Place, where I could hear and ſee unperceived. The Ladies were divided into Parties, and ſo buſily engaged in various Converſations, that tho' the Lady *Chairwoman* called out to Order ſeveral Times, ſhe was not attended to 'till the Porter at the Door with a Stentor's Voice gave Notice, that Juſtice *Troiplaid* was approaching, with a huge Quantity of *the Milk of Human Kindneſs*, to read the Proclamation; whereupon the fair Aſſembly ſubſided to Right and Left, ſo as that an Area appeared in the Midſt, in the Form of an Amphitheatre, with my Lady *Chairwoman*, who was the Widow of a Governor of one of our public Companies, ſitting in great Dignity at the upper End; while either Side was adorned with ſuch a beautiful Aſſemblage of Fair Ones, as gave me unſpeakable Delight to ſurvey, and conſequently a moſt ſenſible Mortification to find myſelf paſt my Grand Climacteric. In this Poſture, and, what is hardly credible, in the very Depth of Silence, the bright Aſſembly expected the Perſecutor of poor *Penlez*; when their *Stentor* gave further Notice, that he paſſed by in his Way upon a Viſit to Partner *Wood.*

Cathedrilla, the Lady *Chairwoman* ſtood up, and, after greeting the Aſſembly in a moſt graceful Reverence, gave an authoritative Rap with her Fan to engage Attention, "We are met, ſaid ſhe, my dear Siſter-Sufferers, to conſult how to obviate a Calamity that is meditating againſt us, by thoſe from whoſe Situation and Power we had every Reaſon to expect Protection. But we are betray'd and our Intereſts ſacrificed to theirs. There is no leſs than one Part in four of our Property in Danger. In vain have our Fathers given us liberal Portions, our Huſbands made us comfortable Settlements, and our Relations and Friends bequeathed us Legacies, on the Security of the public Faith, (hitherto unviolated!) if the *Machivelian* Devices of a *white Wand* and a Pen unſtained with Ink, ſhall, with brotherly Iniquity, prevail againſt national Credit, and deprive us of a *Fourth* of our Eſtates at a Caſt. Tho' this Matter hath been already under the Conſideration of the Preſident and Court of *Fundi*, and determined in Favour of the public Honor and our Property, notwithſtanding the ſonorous Voice of the *Law*, of *Equity*, and of *Judaiſm*, to wreſt and corrupt the Truth, by an impious Endeavour to make the worſe appear the better Reaſon; yet the Graſpers of Power and their ſelf-intereſted Agents, reſound the brazen Trumpets of *Corruption*, to rally preparatory for a new Attack. They have flung off the Maſque of Argument, and are reſolved to effect their Purpoſe by Force. The Mockery of Perſuaſion is laid aſide, and the Artillery of Threats are mounted againſt us. Tho' conquered once they arrogate a Conqueror's Voice, and demand a Capitulation from thoſe who have beaten them out of the Field. They tell us, with all the Aſſurance of an *unembarraſſed Countenance*, that we ſhall gain by ceding ſo great a Part of our Right as one *Fourth* of it: How can this be, my Siſters? Is there any among us ſo ignorant to believe a Contradiction in Fact? By what Logic can they prove, by what Rhetoric can they perſwade, that we gain by loſing one hundred Pounds in four hundred? Monſtrous Abſurdity! and worthy only of thoſe who have puzzled the Public Affairs into ſuch a woeful State of Perplexity as all the Wiſdom in the Nation can never extricate. They aſſume all the various Shapes of *Proteus* to deceive us, and palm more Deceptions on our Underſtandings than ever *Fawks* did upon our Eyes. They think to intimidate us with ſetting up a Subſcription to raiſe Money in order to pay us off. Let them do ſo, my Siſters, if they can; ſo ſhall we gain ſomething that we may really call our own. But, alas! 'tis an impotent Threat. Who will ſubſcribe, unleſs they can obtain better Terms than what are offered us? And can it be worth their while to deal out by one Hand more than they receive in by the other? Surely, they meaſure our Underſtandings by their own, or they would not bluſter thus abſurdly! Fellow-Sufferers, we are here convened to conſider of this important Matter; it becomes us to deliberate upon it maturely, and in what Manner we ſhall proceed either to oppoſe, or ſubmit to, the Evil which is ſet on Foot againſt us. You will therefore deliver your Opinions, ſo as we may be able to form ſome Judgement and come into a Determination."

No ſooner had *Cathedrilla* cloſed her Speech than a Burſt of Applauſe enſued, and then half a Dozen ſtarted up in different Parts of the Aſſembly, and ſpoke all at once. In vain was Order called out and Silence impoſed upon them from the *Chair*, 'till the *Black Rod* was called in and ordered to take the Speakers into Cuſtody,—a Perſon of Bulk and Strength equal to the Poſt, and ſupported by two or three Aſſiſtants!—But *Cathedrilla*, wiſely conſidering that the Sex is ſeldom gained by Correction and Puniſhment, and that Commitments might be productive of very ill Conſequences, as ſhe was apprehenſive that the *Black Rod* would be ſoon poſſeſſed of a Majority of the Aſſembly, ſhe rapt her Fan with ſuch an Air of Severity and ſo loud, as ſhook the very Foundations of the Floor, and ſternly overlooking the Aſſembly, ſaid, "Thus far in Support of my Honor as your Delegate."—But, changing her Countenance into a ſmiling Mildneſs, according to the Art of practiſing Faces in Looking-Glaſſes, ſhe courteouſly entreated them to obſerve Order and Diſcipline in the Courſe of their Debates, and that they would ſpeak according to their Ranks. This unhappily produced a greater Confuſion, for almoſt all the Aſſembly got up, and a *Babel* of *Tongues* enſued, 'till the Noiſe of two or three Benches falling down behind, which they happily miſtook for a Crack in the Roof, frightened them into Silence, and gave *Cathedrilla* an Opportunity to prevent the like Contention for Preeminence of Speech for the future, by obtaining the Conſent of the Aſſembly, that they ſhould ſpeak as the Secretary ſhould happen to take their Names out of a little Box that lay at the Foot of the *Chair*, in the ſame Manner as the Lawyers call a Jury.

Corinna, occurring firſt to the Secretary's Hand, was called to deliver her Opinion. She was a Lawyer's Daughter, and, by examining Writings with her Father, had got a little Smattering of Knowlege that way. "I have the Honor, ſaid ſhe, to concur with the *Chair*, and am for a ſtrict Adherence to our Right in the whole, without Remiſſion. I make no Wonder that ſome People, who are under heavy Mortgages themſelves, ſhould be for leſſening the Intereſt of the Public Money, in Hopes to bring the Precedent home. We will put the Caſe that ſome *noble Mortgager* (and many ſuch there are in this Iſland) after borrowing of Money, and covenanting to pay an Intereſt of *Four per Cent.* for a certain Number of Years, ſhould afterwards propoſe to his Mortgagee or Mortgagees (for I think there may be many) to accept of *Three per Cent.* can any one in the State of Sanity believe, that the Lender would forgo his Covenant, and fall in with the Propoſition, ſupported by airy Advantages, to be found only in the Clouds? No, let us inveſt ourſelves with Reſolution, and ſtand firm to *Four per Cent.* to the laſt; for if we conſent to a Reduction of Intereſt, we muſt of Courſe reduce our Equipages, our Apparel, and our Diverſions. Mind this and be wiſe."

Pecuniana's Name, a Banker's Daughter, was taken next out of the Box: "I would fain, ſaid ſhe, recommend to the Conſideration of the Aſſembly the old Adage of, *who is granted an Inch will take an Ell.* It may be eſtabliſhing a dangerous Precedent againſt us to give up *One per Cent.* on our Annuities; for who knows where it may end? What Security have we againſt Encroachments of the like kind the next Year? May they not with the ſame Reaſon reduce us in a future Day to *Two per Cent.* and ſo on perhaps to *One?* And ſhall we tamely ſubmit to an Impoſition that may be extended againſt us, as the Extravagance and Miſmanagement of M***rs may render neceſſary? Firſt let them fairly account for the vaſt Sums of Public Money which has paſt, or ſtuck to, their Hands, ſince they uſurp'd the Ad****n of Public Affairs; and then perhaps I may be induced to forego my Senſes, and think *Three* more eligible than *Four.*

The Chance fell next upon *Conſiderata*, a very reſpectable Lady and diſtinguiſhed by both Sexes. Says ſhe, "If I do not wholly go into the Opinion of the learned Debaters who have gone before me, while at the ſame Time I can't wholly approve of the m**ſt***l Propoſition now before us, you will excuſe the Irreſolution of a Perſon who comes here rather to learn than decide. It has been told us, without Doors, that we ſhall *gain* by this Reduction, and be in a better State than we are now in; as in Charity we ought to believe that the *white Wand* is better ſkilled in Accounts, than to think himſelf that Three Pounds are preferable to Four Pounds; and conſequently that he has not ſo mean an Opinion of others, as to imagine he can impoſe ſo palpable a Contradiction upon their Underſtanding. No, Ladies, there is a latent Meaning in the Aſſertion. Stateſmen like *the Brothers*, deal frequently in myſtic Sayings. If we dive into their Sagacity, we ſhall find they inſinuate that, if we accept of *Three per Cent*, we ſhall gain *ſomething*; whereas, by inſiſting on *Four per Cent.* we may probably loſe all. There is nothing to get by a *Fox* but his Skin; and the King muſt loſe his Right, where there is nothing left. Mark this well, and then perhaps you may cloſe in with the Propoſition, and think *Three* preferable to *Four.* The m****al Threat *to pay us off* has a farther Meaning in it than what occurs at firſt. As it is impracticable for them to raiſe Money to pay off our Principal, we muſt look for another Meaning in their Words, and what ſo obvious as *to pay us off* with Revenge, if we perſiſt in our Refuſal."

A Pauſe enſued, and the whole Aſſembly ſeemed thunderſtruck, 'till the Secretary put her Hand into the Box, and pull'd out the ſanguine *Furora* in her Turn, a Lady of the antient *Britiſh* Race; "Were I not ſatisfy'd, quo' ſhe, of the Integrity of the Lady that ſpoke laſt, I might perhaps ſuſpect her of a private Correſpondence with the *Gideonites*; but alas! great is my Fear that her Experience has ſolved our State-Ænigma? Is then the N*t*n become Bankrupt at laſt? Is ſhe to be ſtigmatized with a *Whereas* in the *Gazette?* Or, to avoid this Diſgrace, do our *Superiors* propoſe a *Compoſition* to us, or a Letter of Licence for Time to enable her to pay her juſt Debts? Or rather, do they think, by ſuch Inſinuations, to intimidate us into Terms, and be dictated to as they were at the *Waters of Health* on the Continent? Nor War, nor Peace, is their Province. *This* became unwieldy and reſtive in their Hands, and *That* they knew not how to improve. Baffled and beaten by Men abroad, they renew the War upon Women at home, and replace their Peculation by our Spoils. Muſt we retrench our Pleaſures to make good their Deficiences? Adieu every *fourth* Morning at *Ranelagh*, every *fourth* Night at the Playhouſe, our noontide Cards and midnight Dice rattling beſide the flowing Bowl replete with comfortable Draught;—Farewel, a full and entire *Fourth* of all our *Occupation*'s gone! But ——

Here the Earthquake ſurprized the Aſſembly, and diſperſed them in a Fright; but as there has been another Meeting appointing this next Week, my Readers may expect the Concluſion in a future Paper.

Juſt publiſhed,
Dedicated to the Cuckold BUMBALIO,
The *TAFFIDEIS.*
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With the Notes of OLD ENGLAND.
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By HYWGI AP ENGLYN MARGONWC,
Son, in the 9th ſcore Degree, of Camber ap Brute, *the Trojan.*
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Where may be had,
The CONSPIRACY, a Poem.

LONDON.

We hear that the Time ſaid to be fix'd for his Majeſty's Departure for Hanover is poſtponed for ſome Time longer.

Monday was held a General Court of the South Sea Company, when it was agreed not to ſubſcribe to the preſent Terms of Reduction; as a former Act of Parliament relating to their being paid off, was generally thought to be ſtill in force. in favour of the Company.

Tueſday was held a General Court of the Bank of England at Merchant-Teylors Hall, to take into further Conſideration of the Propoſals made by Parliament, relating to the Reduction of the Intereſt of the National Debt; and the Opinion of the Court of Directors being called for, the Governors declared. that they thought it for their Intereſt of the Proprietors to accept the ſaid Propoſals; and upon the Queſtion being put, that the company to accept the ſame, it was by a very great Majority carried in the Affirmative.

A General Court of the Corporation of the London Aſſurance was alſo held on Tueſday at Merchant-Taylors Hall, when they agreed to ſubſcribe all their transferrable Annuities.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Dr. Faucett, to be one of his Chaplains, in the room of Dr. Hayter, Biſhop of Norwich.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Phillip Young Senior Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, to be one of his Chaplains, in the room of Dr. Cornwallis, Biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry.

Monday the Right Hon. the Earl of Berkſhire took the Oaths and Seat in the Houſe of Peers.

Thurſday Sir Hugh Smithſon, Bart. took the Oaths and his Seat in the Houſe of Pears as Earl of Northumberland, being introduced between the Earls of Stafford and Brooke.

As did alſo Sir Charles Wyndham, Bart. as Earl of Egremont in the county of Northumberland, being introduced between the Earls of Galnville and Gower,

Tueſday the following Noble Lords took the Oaths and ſubſcribed the Declaration, before the Lord High Chanſcilor, to qualify themſelves to vote by Proxy at Holy rood Houſe, at the enſuing Election for a Sixteenth Peer to repreſent the Peerage of Scotland in the Houſe of Lords, in the room of the Earl of Craufurd, deceaſed, their Graces the Dukes of Richmond, and Argyll, the Earls of Rothes, Home, Loudon, and Leven, and the Lords Carthcart Oliphana, Lundcirs, Elibank, and Newark. And we hear that the Right Hon. the Earl of Marchmont will be choſen.

The Hon. Houſe of Commons have iſſued out the Writ for electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of Middleſex, in the room of Sir Hugh Smithſon, Bart. now Earl of Northumberland; and the Election will come on next Thurſday at Brentford.

When Peter Leigh, Eſq; High Bailiff for the City of Weſtminſter, attended the Hon. Houſe of Commons, according to Order, to give an Account why he did not return a Member for that Place, we hear, his Reaſons were ſo ſatisfactory on Acconnt of the Scrutiny, that he was ordered to proceed with all the Diſpatch poſſible.

And we hear that the Scrutineers ſit eight Hous each Day in order to end the Scrutiny as faſt as poſſible.

Thurſday a Patent paſſed the Great Seal appointing the Right Hon. Thomas Lord Archer Cuſtos Rotulorum for the County of Flint.

Letters from Taunton adviſe, that admiral Rowley was before the other Candidates on the Poll when the laſt Accounts came away,

The India Company have Advice from Ireland of the 21ſt ult. that the Norfolk, Captain Hancock, Outward bound, that put into Dublin Bay to refit, would in about fourteen Days from the above Date, be able to put to Sea.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lord Hertford, late Duke of Somerſet, has left all his Servants that ſhall have lived with him one Year before his Death, a Year's Wages over and above what Wages may be due to them at his Deceaſe.

Thurſday was held a General court of the Ruſſian company for the choice of a Governor, in the room of the late Sir John Thompſon, Knt. and Alderman, deceaſed, when Robert Nettleton, Eſq; one of the Directors of the Bank, was unanimouſly choſen.

Monday at the Seſſions of the Peace held at Guildhall, ſeven young Fellows were tried for aſſaulting and wounding a Conſtable and Watchmen in Fleet ſtreet, with an Intent to reſcue a Pickpocket out of their Cuſtody which they had juſt taken, of which they were found guilty, and were ſentenced to pay a Fine of one Shilling each, and to be impriſoned three Months in Newgate.

On Wedneſday Orders were given for paying the Wages due to all the Officers of his Majeſt's Yards down to Chriſtmas laſt.

Thurſday being St. David's Day, Tutelar Saint for Wales, the ſame was obſerved at Court as a high Feſtival, and the Knights Companions of the Garter, Thiſtle, and Bath, appeared in the Collars of their reſpective Orders.

Thurſday Afternoon two Welchman who had been celebrating St. David's Day, for ſome Hours at a Publick Houſe in Drury-Lane, fell out as they were walking along Broad St. Giles's, when one of them gave the other a Blow a-croſs the Head with an oaken Stick, as fractured his Skull in ſuch a Manner that his Life is deſpaired of, and made off before any one attempted to ſecure him.

On Wedneſday laſt died at his Lodgings near the Meuſe Capt. George Matthews, who was in moſt of the Campaigns, under the Duke of Malborough, in the Reign of Queen Anne.

By Letters from Ruſſia, Poland, Norway, Sweden, and all Parts of the North, we have an Account that the Weather has been proportionably mild and favourable as it has been here.

By two Letters from Plymouth, of the 16th Inſtant we are informed, that one Short, (commonly known by the Name of Old Capt. Short, from his having headed ſeveral Country People on their coming down to plunder any Wrecks) with two others, was committed to Priſon for the above inhuman Practice.

The ſame Letters add, that there was reaſon to believe that ſome of the Crew of Captain Fitzgreald Ship, lately loſt on that Coaſt had ſwam on Shore, but that they had been cruelly murdered by the Country People, in order to make good their Title to the Effects as a Wreck.

They write from Morlaix that in the late bad Weather no leſs than fourteen Ships were loſt near Oudierne.

Wedneſday the Seſſions began at the Old Bailey, when 21 Priſoners were tried, two of whom were capitally convicted, viz.

William Fry, on Oath of William Griffith, for ſtealing a Horſe, Bridle, Saddle and Collar, and ſold for two Guineas.

Thomas Jones, alias Harper, for robbing General St. Clair of a Gold Watch.

Thurſday 12 Priſoners were tried, Three of whom were capitally convicted, viz.

John Carbol for Smuggling.

James Young, for willful and corrupt Perjury, and uttering a falſe and counterfeit Will knowing the ſame to be forged and counterfeit.

John Durkett, on Oath of John Slugh, for being concerned with one Joſeph Carpenter in ſtealing a Hat and Wig.

Laſt Week a Farmer, near, near Henly upon Thames, having loſt half a Dozen Sheep out of his Field, (where they where pent up) ſet two of his Servants the Night following with Guns to watch them. The Servants ſtaid 'till near Twelve o'Clock, when finding nobody came, they returned home, and were greatly ſurprized to ſee ſeveral Candles lighted in the Houſe. They knocked at the Door but it was bolted; upon which they broke it open, and found their Maſter, his Wife, and all the other Perſons in the Houſe with their Mouths gagged, and three Fellows rifling the Houſe of every thing of Value. Upon which one of the Servants ſhot one of the Fellows dead, and the other two they ſecured and carried to Oxford Jail on Wedueſday Night.

On Sunday as Capt. Stewart was at the Angel Inn at Graveſend, he eſpied two Men who robbed him, and uſed him exrremely ill near that Place about four Days before, and being aſſiſted, he followed them down to the Quay, where they were both ſeized, and after examination were ſent to Maidſtone Jail; they confeſſed that, and ſeveral other Facts they had lately committed between that Place and London; they had ſeveral Piſtols abont them when taken; one of them is a remarkable black Man, and ſays he was born at Portugal.

On Monday laſt as Mrs. Seagoe, a Gentlewoman, who lives in Park-ſtreet, Groſvenor-ſquare, was going to Church a Man aſk'd Charity of her; ſhe gave him ſome Money and ordered her Footman to take him home and give him ſome Victuals; the Footman accordingly did, but whilſt he was gone into the Kitchen, the Fellow took an opportunity of ſtealing a Gold repeating Watch of conſiderable Value and made off undiſcovered.

Laſt Thurſday came on a Trial at Guildhall, by a Special Jury, before the Lord Chief Juſtice Lee, between Griffith Howell, of Thames-ſtreet, London, Ironmonger, Plaintiff, and Richard Green, of the ſame Place, Ironmonger, Defendant, for Words ſpoken by the Defendant, charging the Plaintiff with having ſet his Houſe on Fire on Purpoſe, in order to defraud the Inſurers, and other Scandalous Words to injure him in his Reputation; when a Verdict was given for the Plaintiff, with 150l. Damages, beſides Coſts.

On Sunday Morning about two o'Clock as Valentine Blake, Eſq; was going home in his Chair, to his Houſe in Wigmore-Row, near Oxford Chapel, while his Footman was knocking at the Door, five Footpads came up to him and called him by his Name, and demanded his Watch and Money, or elſe they would blow his Brains out, which he delivered to them; and then they made off with their Booty uddiſcovered.

On Monday Night a Grazier, who had been at Smithfield-Market with ſome Cattle, was robbed, in a Houſe of ill Fame, in Chick-Lane, of upwards of 50 Pounds, for which, two Women, whom he had been in Company with, were taken and commited to the Compter.

By Letters from Algiers, we hear that that State as alſo the Regencies of Tunis and Tripoli, are fitting out a great Number of Veſſels, in order to cruize upon the Ships of all the Chriſtian Powers that are not ſecured from their Piracies by any particular Treaty; and, according to the Date of theſe Letters, many of thoſe Veſſels muſt be at Sea by this Time.

Several Perſons belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May-Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, every thing they have ſaid tending only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding. —We are informed that Mrs Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Huſband's Houſe in May-Fair, the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South-Audley-Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there 'till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral. —The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, to the End of St. James's Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea as uſual, any Time 'till Four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May-Fair, near Hyde-Park Corner, oppoſite the great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. —There is a Porch at the Door, like a Country-Church Porch.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Worceſter, Feb. 25. This Day was taken here and committed to the County Jail one Richard Merrick, a Blackſmith, who lately worked in Bath, on a ſtrong Suſpicion of murdering one Elizabeth Pool, of this City, and alſo of deſtroying a Baſtard Child he had by her, the Information againſt him being, in Subſtance, as follows, viz. That, on the 16th of December laſt, in the Evening. the Woman went from home, ſaying, "She was going to ſpeak with the ſaid Merrick;" and ſoon after a Hat and Cap belonging to her were found bloody, but herſelf has not ſince been heard of: And in regard to the Child, he about three Weeks after, took it on Horſebackfrom the Woman who had the Care of it ever ſince the Mother had been miſſing, and told her, "he was going to carry it ſomewhere elſe to be nurſed;" but ſome Time after, a Child being found drowned at Hanmam Mills, about eight Miles from Bath, and the Cloaths it had on appearing to be the ſame the Child had on when Merrick carry'd away, he was ſuſpected to have deſtroyed it, and expecting to be called to an Account, he ſet out, with a Pretence of fetching the Child from Nurſe, but not returning a Warrant was iſſued out for apprehending him. He having Relation there in Foregate-ſtreet, it was imagined he made this Way, which indeed he did; for he came hither laſt Friday Evening, and the ſame Night one of the Mayor of Bath's Officers likewiſe came to Town in queſt of him; and the next Morning he was taken, but ſuddenly ſlipped from the Perſon who had him in Cuſtody, and immediately took to the Fields and Woods near this City, whither he was purſued by ſeveral People on Foot and Horſeback, who chaſed him the greateſt Part of the Day, but at length loſt him. He however, had the Folly and Aſſurance to return to Town the ſame Night, or next Day, Intelligence of which being given, and it being imagined he was concealed at his Father in Law's, the Houſe was beſet, in the Afternoon, by ſeveral Conſtables, ſome of whom getting in at a Chamber Widow, he was there taken, juſt as he was endeavouring to hide himſelf in a large Cheſt; and being carried before Juſtice Bromley, was committed to Jail. ——'Tis ſaid the unfortunate Woman was ſome Months gone with another Child; and that his Inducement for deſtroying her and the other Child, (ſhould it appear that he did ſo) was from his courting another Woman, whom he could not expect would marry him till he had got rid of thoſe Impediments.

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